Foreign Terrorists in Jails

†1157 SHRI D.P. YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to bring a new legislation in place of Terrorists and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act, 1985;

(b) the total number of foreign terrorists imprisoned in different jails of the country; and the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government are treating the foreign terrorists softly and as a result thereof they are set free because of lack of proof and other reasons; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) The Criminal Law (Amendment) Bill, 1995 which seeks to provide an alternate law for combating terrorism was introduced in the Rajya Sabha in May, 1995, when the erstwhile Terrorists and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act, 1987 was allowed to lapse. This has remained pending due to absence of political consensus on the passing of this Bill. On the advice of this Ministry, the Law Commission of India has submitted the Draft Prevention of Terrorism Bill, 2000. The Government has invited the views of all State Government/UT Administrations on the various provisions of the Bill. Govt. will also hold wide consultations with political parties, other groups etc. before a view is finalized in the matter.

(b) Central Government does not maintain information in this regard.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

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